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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Michael SIJACIC et al.) Group Art Unit: 3624
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Application No.: 09/867,649) Examiner: HAVAN, THU THAO
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Filed: May 31, 2001)
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For: METHODS AND SYSTEM FOR) Confirmation No.: 7981
INTEGRATING XML BASED)
TRANSACTIONS IN AN)
ELECTRONIC INVOICE)
PRESENTMENT AND PAYMENT)
ENVIRONMENT)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated June 28, 2006, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between two groups of claims, namely:

Group I, including claims 8 and 46, characterized by the Examiner as
drawn to billing summary information, classified in class 705,
subclass 40.

Group II, including claims 1-7, 9-45, and 47-59, characterized by the
Examiner as drawn to server system interconnected by a network
in relation to tag and XML format, classified in class 709,
subclass 223.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 1-7, 9-45, and 47-59.


Applicants also note that six Information Disclosure Statements, dated February 11, 2004, May 5, 2004, October 28, 2004, January 28, 2005, February 10, 2006, and April 24, 2006, have been filed to date in this application. Applicants request that the Examiner kindly consider the references cited in these Statements and return the initialed 1449 or SB/08 forms to indicate that the references have been considered.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 27, 2006

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